



Water Pollution Control Authority

Special Meeting
March 27, 2013

MINUTES

Members Present: D. Parisi-Chmn, E. Duell, J. Galeota, P. Gilbert, S. Koehler

Others Present: Peter Williams-WPCA Administrator, James Thompson-Town Engineer, Tim Webb-DPW Director

1. Call to Order

Chairman Daniel Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Public Hearing – Upper Butcher Road Extension

Chairman Daniel Parisi read the legal notice into the record. Peter Williams stated that the letters were sent out to the abutters. He stated that as is proposed, the property owners would not have to hook up to the sewer until it is necessary which would be due to a septic system failure. It is not a mandatory hook up in this proposal. There are detailed drawings and the residents would only pay when they hook into the system.

Barbara Jaconski, 6 Upper Butcher Rd, asked what the costs would be. Mr. Williams stated that there is a benefit assessment of \$1,750 per bedroom at this time. The homeowner pays for the hook up and a pump to the street from the house. The water company has a meter on the house and the flow will be based on that usage.

Town Engineer, James Thompson, described the project as a low pressure sewer system. The depth of a line for gravity would make it too cost prohibitive. Each house will have a pump because of the shallow depth of the line. The pump can be situated in the basement or outside the home. The sewer line will run below the water lines. The homeowner owns and maintains the pump. Mrs. Jaconski asked about power failures and she was told that the pump would not work without electricity. She has a generator so she is not concerned.

Mr. Thompson stated that the job was ready to go as soon as the surveyor is done marking out the site. Peter Williams felt that they would be ready this spring and that it would take a few months to go out to bid and get the bids back.

Chairman Parisi asked if they would go under or over the culvert and Mr. Thompson stated that they would try to bore under the culvert.

Mrs. Helm, 10 Upper Butcher, stated that her septic system is only 7 years old. Mr. Williams told her that she does not have to hook in until there is a problem with the system. Mr. Thompson stated that the line would be located ½ way between the curbing and the property line.

Mrs. Lessard, 11 Upper Butcher Rd, asked how long the work would take. Mr. Thompson estimated 2-4 weeks depending on weather for 600 ft of pipe.

Mrs. Lessard asked what the estimated total cost to hook into the system would be. Mr. Williams stated that it depended on the distance from the street that the line would have to go. If the piping has to go around to the back of the house it will be more expensive. Mr. Thompson felt that the hook up by a contractor would cost \$8,000-\$10,000 including the pump.

Mrs. Helm stated that she had a pump for her septic system and asked if that could be used. Mr. Thompson stated that it needs to be a grinder pump because of the small size pipe but that she could use the chamber to hold her grinder pump.

Mrs. Lessard asked how deep the sewer line would be and what would happen to the septic tank. Mr. Thompson stated that the pipe would run just below the water line and that the old tank would be pumped out, crushed and filled.

**MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
CLOSE THE HEARING AT 7:21 PM.**

3. Citizen's Forum/Public Comments - None

By consensus the Commissioners agreed to go out of agenda order to Item iii under Administrative.

Maple Street Extension

David Stavens, Barber Utilities is going to lay the sewer pipe for this extension to the Senior Center site. The contractor has put the temporary electrical service where the sewer will be going. They reviewed the plan and the Town Engineer stated that there is a storm drain that he would like to relocate because of the grade. Peter Williams agreed that it should be relocated. The water will be draining in the opposite direction. Peter Williams stated that he will ask Landmark Surveys to lay out the project on Monday before the contractor brings in any more equipment. Jim Thompson will bring Dave Stavens a copy of the plan tomorrow. The Town Attorney wants to have a contract drawn up for the work.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAPLE STREET EXTENSION WITH TOWN SUPPLIED MATERIALS AND BARBER UTILITIES DOING THE INSTALLATION AT THE AGREED UPON PRICE.

4. Old Business

Stafford Plant Assessment – Update

Peter Williams, Ed Duell, Attorney Ryan and Dan Parisi attended the Stafford WPCA meeting, met the new chairman and presented Ellington's position regarding the agreement. Stafford will be discussing it at their meeting on Monday and will set up another meeting with Ellington to see what they have agreed with. Ellington is not a part of their system; we have an agreement with them.

Vernon Flow Request – Update

The Town of Vernon and Ellington attorneys have been going back and forth working on an agreement for the additional flow. There will be a \$180,000 payment made to Vernon and on the first of the fiscal year the credits will disappear. The Town of Vernon WPCA has approved the request.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN AND WPCA CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH VERNON WITH THE PARAMETERS OUTLINED.

Pump Station & Meter – Updates

Peter Williams told the commissioners that the meters would cost too much to replace at the Crystal Lake Pump Station. The existing meters are still working and could be repaired. Peter Williams recommended tabling this item.

BY CONSENSUS THE COMMISSIONERS TABLE THIS ITEM.

Administration/Staff Review

Peter Williams wrote the First Selectman a letter informing him that he would be retiring next April.

Past Due User Accounts

Peter Williams wrote the article for the Ellington Connection but was told by the Selectman's office that they did not want to publish it. Therefore, individual past due letters will be mailed.

5. New Business

Developers Accounts

Peter Williams told the commissioners that he had a spread sheet from the Finance Officer showing the balances in the developers' accounts. Some accounts have funds waiting to be released back to the developers. The developers put funds up front based on estimated inspection and review fees and as each item is completed, the funds are subtracted. There are currently 18 accounts with a total balance of \$25,000. Peter will review each account to make sure all the invoices have been received and deducted against the account before releasing any funds.

Conceptual Approval – 160 Windermere Ave – Apartments

This is for Deer Valley North by Santini Builders. They have received approval from the Wetlands and Planning and Zoning Commission. This is to be the last portion of multifamily apartments for this piece of land. Mr. Thompsons stated that they built the detention pond to handle all the additional approved building for that land which includes another phase of single family homes. This will be 120 of 200 apartments which equates to 180 bedrooms. The Town Engineer is recommending approval as this property is the result of the legal case.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL BE GRANTED FOR 160 WINDERMERE AVE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN ENGINEER.

6. Administrative

Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports:

-Upper Butcher Road Extension

The schematics and budget have been developed and the hearing took place tonight.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ENGINEER TO GO OUT TO BID FOR THE UPPER BUTCHER RD SEWER EXTENSION AS DETAILED NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.

-Main Street Extension

James Thompson, Town Engineer explained that the sewer on Main Street ends in front of the Town Hall. This sewer will be designed to serve Main Street and Maple Street. The pump station has been sized accordingly. The plan was originally to take it down Main Street to Berr Ave. The Church St plaza owner has inquired about running the line to Church Street in order to hook in. Jim Thompson is proposing to bring the line to the back of the plaza with an end on Main Street as well as Maple Street for future extensions. It would be a gravity line. The Arbor Apartments could also be serviced by the line. Peter Williams stated that in this instance the benefit assessment would be charged.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZED THE TOWN ENGINEER TO DEVELOP CONCEPTUAL SCHEMATICS AND ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE MAIN STREET SEWER EXTENSION.

-Ellington Ave. Extension

This extension was developed in 2010, the schematics were developed but the project was not done. There are several more inquiries from properties that either need the sewer or that the Health Dept is recommending they be hooked to it. This would be a pressure line. It would go from Highland Ave to #75 Ellington Ave and include #104.

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO UPDATE THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN AND ESTIMATE FOR THE ELLINGTON AVE SEWER EXTENSION FOR NEXT MONTH'S WPCA MEETING.

-Pinney Street Apartment Connections

The project has received wetlands approval and will be coming for the sewer permit. The Town Engineer and WPCA Administrator have determined that a developer's agreement is necessary for this project.

-Stafford Road Close –out

The Town Engineer has submitted his final account of the project. The next step is to work up the benefit assessment, hold a public hearing and set the assessments. Jim Thompson stated that the paving and restoration of the road sides needs to be done. All attorney invoices have been received.

-Courtney Drive Close-out

There are still some outstanding invoices for this project to be received.

-Stonebridge Apt Close-out

The final invoice was received from the Town Engineer for close out. There is a \$20,000 cash bond. Jim Thompson told them that the easements and as built's were not received. The Town may want to get a cost for the outstanding items so that the Town can use the bond to complete the items.

Peter Williams told the commissioners that Windermere Village will be coming to the town for the next phase of building. They are proposing to change their designs to include additional bedrooms/lofts. They will come before Planning and Zoning Commission and the Town will ask for additional bond money. They currently have flow approval for the original bedroom count.

Peter Williams told the commission that the Town is in the process of purchasing a new GIS system and that the sewer layer will be updated through that endeavor.

Pete Williams told the commissioners to let him know if anyone wants to attend the workshop at CT Association of Water Pollution Control. He passed out the brochure.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes January 23, 2013

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2013 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

8. Adjournment

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Smith".

Lori Smith, Recording Secretary